

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A data processing method comprising:
  - an operation detection step of detecting
  - 5 operation performed on an apparatus;
  - a state detection step of detecting a state of the apparatus when said operation is detected in said operation detection step;
  - a first execution step of executing motion
  - 10 corresponding to said operation in a case where the state of the apparatus is not a help mode;
  - an audio output step of phonetically outputting a description of the motion corresponding to said operation in a case where the state of the apparatus is
  - 15 the help mode;
  - a storage step of storing in a predetermined storage device information regarding said operation, whose description has been phonetically outputted; and
  - a second execution step of executing motion
  - 20 corresponding to said operation based on the information regarding said operation stored in the storage device, in a case where the state of the apparatus is the help mode.
- 25 2. The data processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - a second operation detection step of detecting

second operation performed on the apparatus; and

a second state detection step of detecting a state of the apparatus when the second operation is detected in said second detection step,

5        wherein in said second execution step, motion corresponding to the information regarding said operation stored in the storage device is executed in a case where the state of the apparatus detected in said second state detection step is the help mode.

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3.        The data processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a cancellation step of canceling the help mode of the apparatus in a case where the state of the

15        apparatus is the help mode and said operation is help operation; and

a setting step of setting the state of the apparatus in the help mode in a case where the state of the apparatus is not the help mode and said operation

20        is help operation.

4.        The data processing method according to claim 1, wherein in said first execution step, motion

corresponding to said operation is executed in a case

25        where the state of the apparatus is not the help mode and said operation is not help operation.

5. The data processing method according to claim 1, wherein in said audio output step, the description of the motion corresponding to said operation is phonetically outputted in a case where the state of the apparatus is the help mode and said operation is not help operation.

6. The data processing method according to claim 1, further comprising a termination step of terminating audio output being currently outputted in a case where operation performed on the apparatus is detected in said operation detection step.

7. The data processing method according to claim 1, further comprising a second audio output step of phonetically outputting a motion result of said operation executed in said second execution step.

8. The data processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring a name of said operation performed on the apparatus; and

a third audio output step of phonetically outputting the name before phonetically outputting the description of the motion in said audio output step.

9. The data processing method according to claim 1,

further comprising:

a determination step of determining whether or not one same operation has been repeatedly performed on the apparatus; and

5 a changing step of changing sound quality of output speech from the speech outputted last, in a case where one same operation has been repeatedly performed.

10. The data processing method according to claim 9,  
10 wherein in said changing step, vocalize speed of the output speech is changed.

11. The data processing method according to claim 9,  
wherein in said changing step, volume of the output  
15 speech is changed.

12. The data processing method according to claim 9,  
wherein in said changing step, vocal quality of the  
output speech is changed.

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13. A data processing apparatus comprising:

operation detection means for detecting operation performed on an apparatus;

state detection means for detecting a state of  
25 the apparatus when said operation detection means detects said operation;

first execution means for executing motion

corresponding to said operation in a case where the state of the apparatus is not a help mode;

audio output means for phonetically outputting a description of the motion corresponding to said  
5 operation in a case where the state of the apparatus is the help mode;

storage means for storing information regarding said operation, whose description has been phonetically outputted by said audio output means; and

10 second execution means for executing motion corresponding to said operation based on the information regarding said operation stored in said storage means, in a case where the state of the apparatus is the help mode.

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14. A program which causes a computer to execute:

an operation detection procedure for detecting operation performed on an apparatus;

20 a state detection procedure for detecting a state of the apparatus when said operation is detected by said operation detection procedure;

a first execution procedure for executing motion corresponding to said operation in a case where the state of the apparatus is not a help mode;

25 an audio output procedure for phonetically outputting a description of the motion corresponding to said operation in a case where the state of the

apparatus is the help mode;

a storage procedure for storing in a  
predetermined storage device information regarding said  
operation, whose description has been phonetically

5 outputted by said audio output procedure; and

a second execution procedure for executing motion  
corresponding to said operation based on the  
information regarding said operation stored in the  
storage device, in a case where the state of the

10 apparatus is the help mode.

15. A computer-readable recording medium which stores  
the program described in claim 14.

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